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BYLAW INCREASING FOCUS ON TRAILERS, CORDS ACROSS SIDEWALKS

Medicine Hat – For the month of September, Bylaw Enforcement is on the lookout for violations of trailer parking on city streets and extension cords that run across sidewalks as part of its ongoing Bylaw Enforcement and Education Program (BEEP).

“Under Section 6 of Bylaw 2434, a holiday trailer can be parked unattached for up to 24 hours for the purposes of loading and unloading,” says Fred Crittenden, Supervisor of Municipal Bylaw Enforcement. “Trailers that are not holiday trailers can not be legally parked on a street unless it is attached to a vehicle capable of towing it. Trailers that are attached to a private passenger vehicle can be parked on a street for 72 hours.”

Also on Bylaw’s radar for September are violations involving electrical cords that are placed across sidewalks. Section 7A of Bylaw 1556 states that extension cords must be eight feet above the sidewalk if attached to trailer or vehicle parked near a sidewalk.

“Placing an electrical cord across a sidewalk is a safety hazard that can cause an injury to pedestrians,” says Crittenden.

Municipal Bylaw Enforcement staff will be actively looking for violations of these bylaws, issuing warnings and tickets if required.

The fine for violation of trailer on-street parking in accordance with Traffic Bylaw 2434 start at \$50. Failing to comply with Section 7A of Bylaw 1556 regarding electrical cords on sidewalks can result in a \$100 fine.

For more information, contact Crittenden at 529-8436 or visit the City website at www.medicinehat.ca.

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